

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-30, 32-34, and 36 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 31 and 35 are canceled.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended to include the recitation of claim 31.

Claim 9 is amended to include the recitation of claim 35.

Claim 32 is amended to depend from claim 1.

Claim 34 is amended to depend from claim 5.

Claim 36 is amended to depend from claim 9.

The above amendments add no new matter and place the claims in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 31-36 were previously indicated as allowable in the Action of November 7, 2003. Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 5, and claim 9 to incorporate the recitations of allowable claims 31 and 35, respectively.

As amended, the claims are all allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

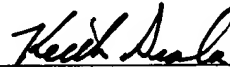
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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